under the UNICEF assistance programme, two DH-10(2 truck) rigs have been provided to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh and one more ATR rig is likely to be provided within a month.

(d) No, Sir.

Requirement of aluminium in the country

1369. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the annual estimated requirement of aluminium in the various sectors of economy in the country ;

(b) what is the comparative domestic production of aluminium during the last three years (year-wise) and what percentage of the demand is met with the indigenous production of aluminium ;

(c) what is the annual import, if any, of aluminium during the last three years (year-wise) stating the amount of foreign exchange invloved and the percentage of domestic-demand met as a result thereof ; and

(d) what are the considerations which weighed with Government to decontrol aluminium when it is in short supply and the domestic price per tonne is Rs. 1200/-more than the controlled price?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) During 1989-90, the demand of aluminium has been estimated in the range of 390,000 to 420,000 tonnes.

(b) and (c) The total availability of aluminium from 1986-87 to 1988-89 is as under :—

Year	Indigenous production ('000 tonnes)	Imports by MMTC ('000 tonnes/Rs. in crores)	Total availability ('000 tonnes)	%age of indigenous production against total availability
1986-87 . . .	257	65/102	322	80
1987-88 . . .	278	55/130	333	83
1988-89 . . .	357	..	357	100

(d) With increasing domestic production of aluminium metal, control over prices and distribution of aluminium has been removed from 1st March, 1989. Import of aluminium ingots and scrap is already on Open General Licence (OGL). The customs duty on imports of aluminium ingots has been abolished and the customs duty on imports of aluminium scrap has been drastically reduced with a view to cater to any fluctuations in demand.

Central aid to Tamil Nadu for housing for pavement dwellers

1370. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : SHRI T. R. BALU :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had sanctioned any aid/grant/loan to Tamil Nadu for construction of dwelling units for pavement dwellers;

(b) if so, what is the amount an d details of the scheme and also the